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## Intelligence Secrets

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WHEN CENTRAL Intelligence Director John M. McCone appeared before a closed-door session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to divulge the inside story of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, McCone's disclosures were so charged with surprise and drama that seven of the twenty-two members present fell sound asleep at one time.



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The excitement was so intense that Rep. Wayne L. Hays of Ohio finally shook himself out of a torpor and asked McCone:

"You said you were going to tell us all. Have you told us all?"

"All," droned McCone. "You haven't told us one thing that hasn't been in the newspapers," chided Rep. Hays. "Do you know how you could save a great deal of money?"

"No," said McCone cautiously.

"Then I'll tell you," declared the Democratic terror from Flushing, Ohio. "It'd be a lot cheaper if you'd buy us all a subscription to a newspaper instead of keeping up the CIA."

THIS EXCHANGE woke up Rep. Walter H. Judd of

Minnesota. The GOP Dr. Judd told the CIA chieftain about a couple of matters that had been brought out by the investigation of Powers' ill-fated flight over the Soviet Union and subsequent capture.

"Did you know about these developments?" asked Dr. Judd.

"No," admitted McCone.

"Well," said the Minnesotan, "they were on the news ticker."

McCone proceeded with his lengthy revelations of nothing. Finally Rep. Hays became so exasperated he lashed out at the CIA head:

"I have regarded you favorably before, but on the basis of your appearance here today, all I can say is that you are like your predecessor, Allen Dulles in one respect, and unlike him in another. He didn't tell us anything either, but he did it more entertainingly."

When this hilarious smack-erola leaked out to me I laid in ambush for Rep. Hays. I wouldn't have let him get away if I'd had to chase him all the way to Flushing. When I cornered him, I demanded:

"What did Allen Dulles ever do that was so excruciatingly funny?"

"Well," recalled Mr. Hays, "just before Dulles quit the CIA we had him up here before our Committee. I began quizzing him about the

activities of one particular agent. I can't disclose the identity of a CIA agent or his activities, you understand that?"

"I hear spying is considered sorta secret," I agreed.

"All right," proceeded Rep. Hays. "When I pursued my line of questioning, Dulles got mad. He really burned up, which was not in character. At last I said:

"You've got the script reversed. Mr. Dulles, I'm supposed to be the short-tempered one."

"This quieted Dulles like magic. He broke into an engaging grin and said:

"On that basis, Mr. Hays, I won't attempt to compete."

MR. McCONE may not be as entertaining as his predecessor, but possibly the numerous trips he has been forced to make to Capitol Hill to reveal nothing new about Powers have impaired his jocundity. Just getting from the CIA's new headquarters out in the Langley, Va., countryside to the Capitol involves a traffic problem. At rush hours it's more than a problem; it's an impossibility.

CIA has so many employees now it has had to stagger working hours on our spies, won't paralyze traffic on the Potomac bridge.

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